

June 16th, 2021-Summary Meeting Minutes

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Maricopa County Local Emergency Planning Committee (MCLEPC) was held on June 16th, 2021 virtually via GoToWebinar.

Call Meeting to Order

At 1:02 PM Chair Mike Fusco called the meeting to order. Members and guests were asked to introduce themselves.

Members/Designees Present:

Mike Fusco	Chair
Brian Hickey	City of Mesa Fire Department
Travis Rand	City of Buckeye Fire Department
Wayne Bulsiewicz	Veolia
Brian Gerber	Arizona State University
Michael Branham	Maricopa County Constable
Steven Ward	City of Mesa Fire Department
Kimberly Campbell	AZ Fire & Medical Authority
Ben Davis	Maricopa County Air Quality Department
Jonathan Patneau	Kinder Morgan

LEPC Support Staff

Jesus Haro, LEPC Coord	Maricopa County Emergency Management
Maria Amaro, Recording	Maricopa County Emergency Management
Hector Andrade, Observer	Maricopa County Emergency Management

Agenda Items:

Old Business:

- a) Discuss/ Propose/ Vote on Approval of Meeting Minutes:
 - i. Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2021
 - Michael Branham motioned for approval, seconded by Mike Fusco, members approved.

New Business:

- a) Arizona Monsoon Update/Outlook Daniel Henz, Flood Control District
 - i. As Meteorologist, Daniel spoke about our Monsoon expectancies and presented a PowerPoint presentation. There is currently a Mega drought and no signs of it changing. The current trend is a drier summer and more risks of wild fires.
- b) Arizona Wildfire Update Tiffany Davila, AZ Dept of Fire & Forestry Management
 - i. The Arizona Department of Fire & Forestry Management manages state and private land.
 - ii. Wildfire Outlooks: Fuels are below normal due to dry weather, however, larger fuels (trees etc.) remain primed due to lack of rain. Hot/dry/windy conditions in spring and early summer expected to create volatile fire conditions, trending towards and earlier start to the fire season. This year there have been 896 wildfires, which have burned 289,841 acres, we are at a Preparedness Level 4.
- c) Discuss National Response Center (NRC) Reports LEPC Coordinator
 - i. March 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021:
 - 28 reports submitted; no follow ups needed.

- d) Discuss LEPC Plan Update Progress
 - i. Review committee participants are Brian Hickey, Kimberly Campbell, and Jesus Haro. The committee is still reviewing/updating the procedural processes.
- e) Discuss LEPC Plan Exercise Progress
 - i. Exercise planning is still in the works, Jonathan Patneau and Jesus Haro are assisting with the Plan Exercise, more to be discussed at the next meeting.
- f) Update Committee on Personnel Changes
 - i. There will be a LEPC Coordinator change going forward, the new LEPC Coordinator will be Joshua Yungvirt. Joshua has experience in firefighting and a military background.

Good of the Order:

- Mike Fusco asked if there was anything else to mention, Michele Martinez stated the LEPC Emergency Response Plan is due 8/01/2021 to AzSERC, if there are no changes an email will suffice.

Call to the Public:

- Mike Fusco asked if anyone from the public had a comment or question, no comments provided.

Adjournment:

- Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 2021 (date TBD), possibly virtual as well.
- Michael Branham motioned for adjournment, seconded by Ben Davis, members approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:01 PM

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